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Very Little Revealed in 'Edited' Affidavit

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For a few moments yesterday, it appeared that the public would get a peek at some of the secret claims made by Ronald R. Rewald in his sealed affidavit filed in federal court.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Peyton allowed Rewald's confidential affidavit and a confidential memorandum by Rewald's attorney, Robert Smith, to be unsealed.

However, the previously secret material was a document riddled with large white areas, places where words, lines and whole paragraphs, apparently with references to the CIA, obviously were covered up before being mechanically reproduced.

The affidavit nevertheless sheds some light on Rewald's background and his feelings about what has happened to him. The whited-out gaps between different parts of his testimony provide intriguing pauses.

FOR EXAMPLE, at one point Rewald describes his college education. He does not claim to have attended Marquette University or Marquette Law School, as he had in the past. Instead, he said he attended a two-year junior college, Milwaukee Institute of Technology. In his list of the different activities he was involved in while in college, the first

white space appears. Sources have said that Rewald had been affiliated with the CIA while in college, as one of the students used to infiltrate student radical groups to determine if they were financed by foreign governments.

Another large white area apparently refers to a report prepared by Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong on the flight of Hong Kong capital because of the pending takeover by China.

TWO FINANCIAL experts who reviewed the report at the request of the Star-Bulletin, described it as a lightweight piece "that could have been put together by high school students."

Rewald, in his affidavit, said the report is worth \$2 million in potential investments.

Judge Pence disagreed.

The affidavit describes the effect that Rewald's troubles and the collapse of his company are having on his family.

"My wife and children are split up, living with relatives who had their life savings in Bishop, Baldwin," he said.

"I am in prison on \$10 million bail and couldn't raise \$5,000 if my life depended on it. My oldest children had to quit school to get jobs. My wife is working as a housekeeper, trying to hold what's left of the family together . . ."

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